

REMARKS

Claims 1-127 were pending. Claims 1-34, 77-94, 121 and 124 have been allowed. Claims 35-38, 40-55, 57-76, 95-111, 113-120, 122, 123 and 125-127 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 39, 56 and 112 were objected to as dependent on a rejected claim. Claims 35-38, 40-55, 57-76, 95-98, 100-111, 113-120, 122, 123 and 125-127 have been canceled. Claims 9, 10, 13, 27, 29, 85, 91 and 99 have been amended. Claims 128-192 have been added. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-34, 39, 56, 77-94, 99, 112, 121 and 124, and allowance of Claims 128-192, is requested.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, Claims 35-38, 40-55, 57-76, 95-111, 113-120, 122, 123 and 125-127 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Kenner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,716) in view of Guenther (U.S. Patent No. 6,134,588).

Claims 35-38, 40-55, 57-76, 95-98, 100-111, 113-120, 122, 123 and 125-127 have been canceled herein, thereby obviating the rejection of those claims.

Claim 99, as amended herein, recites limitations similar to those of Claim 39 (which was objected to, and has been amended herein to place in condition for allowance) and is allowable for the same reasons as that claim.

Objection to Claims

In the Office Action, Claims 39, 56 and 112 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 39, 56 and 112 have been amended as suggested above, thereby making Claims 39, 56 and 112 allowable.

New Claims

Claims 128-192 have been added.

Claims 128-160 recite limitations that are similar to those of Claims 2-34, respectively, and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as those claims. Additionally, each of Claim 128-160 depends, either directly or indirectly, on Claim 124, and is therefore allowable as dependent on an allowable claim.

Claims 161-192 recite limitations that are similar to those of Claims 2-11 and 13-34, respectively, and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as those claims. Additionally, each of Claim 161-192 depends, either directly or indirectly, on Claim 121, and is therefore allowable as dependent on an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-127 were pending. Claims 1-34, 77-94, 121 and 124 have been allowed. Claims 35-38, 40-55, 57-76, 95-111, 113-120, 122, 123 and 125-127 were rejected. Claims 39, 56 and 112 were objected to. Claims 35-38, 40-55, 57-76, 95-98, 100-111, 113-

120, 122, 123 and 125-127 have been canceled. Claims 13, 27, 29, 39, 56, 85, 91, 99 and 112 have been amended. Claims 128-192 have been added. In view of the foregoing, it is requested that Claims 1-34, 39, 56, 77-94, 99, 112, 121, 124 and 128-192 be allowed. If the Examiner wants to discuss any aspect of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at (408) 945-9912.

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